

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Dear FCC,

It has come to our attention that there is a proposal to remove the requirements that the ILEC's provide DSL services for resale by independent providers. We feel that this is a mistake and will harm consumers, businesses, and the country in general.

Amplex currently provides service to nearly 1000 customers in and around the Toledo, Ohio area. Our customers choose to use our services because we provide much better service than the larger providers.

At this point we are finding our company locked out of the residential high speed market - this is due to the anticompetitive practices of Ameritech and the local Cable companies. We cannot offer high speed access using the cable network as it is a closed system without FCC requirements for open access. The current rates the Ameritech charges for resale of DSL lines are near \$42/line/month while they sell service to end users for \$49.00. There is no way that we can make a profit (or even break even) on a margin of \$7.00/mo. Since we have very low overhead this means either one of two things - Ameritech is overcharging for the resale cost of DSL lines or they are selling at a loss to gain market share.

I fail to see how FCC action to remove the remaining restrictions on Ameritech in regard to DSL will improve service for customers. The current FCC proposal will result in Broadband connections being offered only by cable companies and ILEC's - neither of which is well liked by many consumers due to years of poor customer service and excessive cost.

If the FCC wanted to do something to actually promote Broadband it would require the ILECs and the Cable companies to provide open access at reasonable cost to ISP's and other service providers.

Sincerely,

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